Pathways to Housing Stability

June 10, 2026

City of Missoula

Houseless Programs

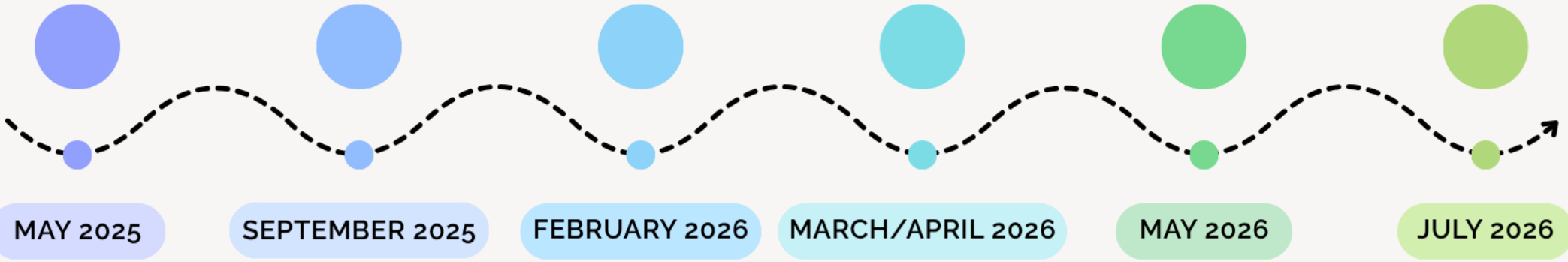
Project Overview

Pathways to Housing Stability is designed to **improve housing stability** and **reduce returns to houselessness** through targeted, long-term housing support services. The goal is to fund programs that provide personalized services to address health needs, income barriers, substance use recovery, and other factors that impact long-term housing stability.

- Funded through the **Montana Opioid Abatement Trust**, Missoula Metro Region
- **Funds awarded** to City of Missoula Community Planning, Development & Innovation **to be subgranted** to program agencies
- Total Project Funds to Subgrant: **$945,000**
- Project Period: **July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028**

Timeline

Funding Application to Project Start



City of Missoula CPDI applied for funding to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust, Missoula Metro Region.

Received notice of funding award.

City of Missoula Houseless Programs released the Request for Proposals for the Pathways to Housing Stability Project.

Request for Proposals closed; Review Committee convened to review proposals and make a selection.

Proposals selected and organizations notified.

Project start date.

Houseless Services Ecosystem

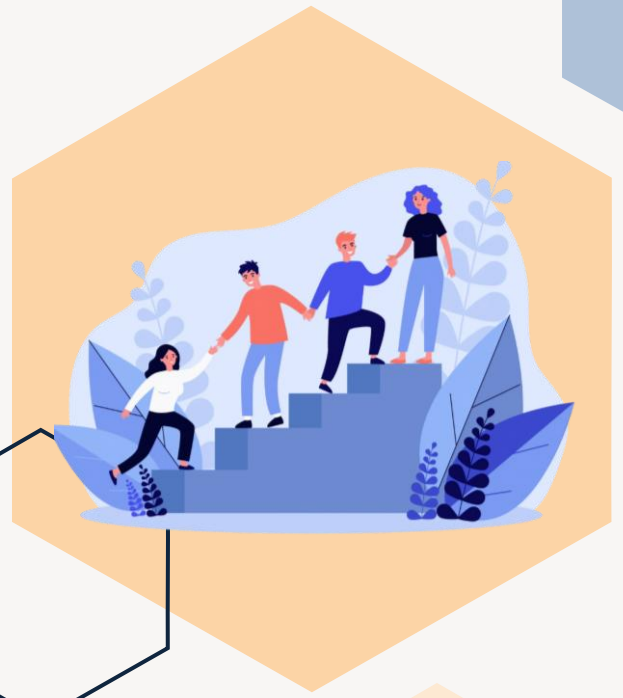
At Risk of Losing Housing
Prevention Resources

Literally Unhoused
Missoula Coordinated Entry System & Crisis Resources

Recently Housed
Housing & Long-Term Stability Resources

SUBGRANTS

Housing Stability Collective



Awarded to develop a new team of contracted Peer Specialists* who deliver supportive services to neighbors transitioning into housing.

- Award Amount: $330,000 over 2 years
- Will build a team of Peer Specialists to deliver supportive services and systems navigation.
- Work alongside the houseless response system to support people recently housed in the community.

*A **Peer Specialist** is a support professional who uses their own lived experience with homelessness, mental health challenges, or substance use to help others navigate housing instability. They serve as mentors and advocates, guiding individuals toward housing, treatment, and community resources

SUBGRANTS

Missoula Interfaith Collaborative

Awarded to deliver supportive services to families who recently transitioned from shelter at the Meadowlark Family Housing Center* into transitional or permanent housing placements.

- Award Amount: $215,000 over 2 years
- Provide access to integrated mental health, substance use, employment services, and other supportive resources.
- Build long-term, natural supportive relationships through participation in MIC's Community of Belonging

*__Meadowlark Family Housing Center__ is Missoula's shelter for families and neighbors fleeing domestic violence, operated through partnership between YWCA of Missoula and Missoula Interfaith Collaborative's Family Promise program.

SUBGRANTS

Partnership Health Center

Photo credit: Partnership Health Center

Awarded to expand staffing at Watershed Navigation Center to include structured post-tenancy support services* primarily serving neighbors housed in scattered-site and non-congregate settings.

- Award Amount: $400,000 over 2 years
- Deliver person-centered planning, landlord-tenant mediation, tenancy coaching, housing plan monitoring, service linkage follow-up, and early identification of risks to long-term stability.
- Provide a flexible, relationship-based approach that adapts to individuals' needs over time.

***Post-tenancy support services** are programs designed to help individuals—particularly those transitioning out of homelessness or facing severe housing instability—maintain their housing after moving into a new residence. These services prevent eviction, promote community integration, and ensure long-term housing stability

Outcomes

Outcome 1: **Decrease in hospitalization** and/or emergency department visits.

Outcome 2: **Improve housing stability and security** for unhoused individuals, including those impacted by opioid use.

Outcome 3: **Support positive health and well-being** outcomes for neighbors exiting houselessness into secure housing.

Outcome 4: **Increase system-wide understanding** of what individuals need to successfully remain housed.

Outcome 5: **Improve local data and reporting on housing retention**, including tracking and reporting specific measures related to housing security and stability and partnership with the Missoula Coordinated Entry System.

Outcome 6: **Decrease returns to houselessness** by strengthening housing retention services.

MOTION

I move the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute a Resolution granting approval of the Pathways to Housing Stability project grants to certain organizations, directing staff to negotiate contracts and agreements, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the contracts and agreements with said organizations.